

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 10, please amend line 22 as follows:

In step 40, the operator places the distribution plate 110 on top of the piston 107. The distribution plate 110 is substantially centered on the piston 107 and underneath the transfer unit 130. The operator then raises and lowers the handle 108 of the lifting device 105 to raise the piston 107, until an upper side of the distribution plate 110 engages the lower end of the transfer unit 130. Once engaged, any further upward movement of the piston 107 is transferred to the transfer unit 130 and the vertical support 215. The operator continues to provide vertical displacement of the piston 107, thereby raising the vertical support 215, step 50. The increased displacement of the piston 107 lifts the vertical support 215 from the floor and frees the pinned tile 205 or broad loom carpet section. In step 60, the operator removes the previously pinned tile 205 or carpet section. Step 70 provides for the installation of a replacement tile 305 in the uncovered area, as shown in Figure 3f. Step 80 provides for lowering the vertical support 215 to transfer the loading of vertical support 215 to the floor. Each vertical support 215 may be lifted individually, thereby minimizing any induced misalignment between the vertical supports 215 and the bookshelf assemblies 210. Once all of the pinned tiles 205 or broad loom carpet sections have been replaced, the floor is substantially covered by the new floor covering 300, as shown in Figure ~~3g~~ 2g.